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1. The Artilleriekaserne in Erfurt was evacuated by the Soviet Army. It thereby automatically reverted back to the jurisdiction of the Thuringian Ministry of Finance. In disregard of a directive put out by Staatssekretär Johannes Wanneke of the DDR Ministry of the Interior placing all military establishments relinquished by the Soviet Army at the disposal of the HVA, the building in question was occupied by the transport police, obviously availing itself of the interregnum created by the recent defection of the Thuringian Finance Minister Moog. The HVA is determined to recover these barracks. If need be, the Erfurt Bereitschaft will be ordered to start occupying the building as a test case of Wanneke's directive.*25X1
2. The so-called Ulm Kaserne in Rostock was alleged to have been evacuated by the Russians. In fact, [redacted] it is still occupied by a Soviet marine unit.
3. Wilhelm Zaisser, in commenting on the lack of training grounds for combat training, observed that a remedy for this lay in moving units into available training areas. In the absence of housing facilities, personnel would be sheltered in tents.

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[redacted] Comment: Zaisser may have had in mind the two main training areas at Döberitz and Jüterbog which would also lend themselves to joint exercises between HVA personnel and Soviet troops if projected.

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* [redacted] Comment: [redacted] Bereitschaft now garrisoned in Apolda is slated for transfer to Erfurt where it will be housed in the Artilleriekaserne.

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